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Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to S. Res. 142, relative to the death of former Senator Russell B. Long.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6035–S6145

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1044–1055, and S. Res. 142. Page S6070

Measures Reported:

S. 1050, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces. (S. Rept. No. 108–46) Page S6070

S. 1047, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces. Page S6070

S. 1048, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military construction. Page S6070

S. 1049, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for defense activities of the Department of Energy. Page S6070

S. 1054, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2004. Page S6070

Measures Passed:

Relative to the Death of Former Senator Russell B. Long: Senate agreed to S. Res. 142, relative to the death of Russell B. Long, former United States Senator for the State of Louisiana. Page S6144

Energy Policy Act: Senate resumed consideration of S. 14, to enhance the energy security of the United States, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: Pages S6043–48, S6049

Withdrawn:

Feinstein Amendment No. 542 (to Amendment No. 539), to authorize the Governors of the States to elect to participate in the renewable fuel program. Page S6061

Pending:

Frist/Daschle Amendment No. 539, to eliminate methyl tertiary butyl ether from the United States fuel supply, to increase production and use of renewable fuel, and to increase the Nation's energy independence. Pages S6043–45

Reconciliation—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of S. 1054, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2004, at 9:15 a.m., on Wednesday, May 14, 2003. Pages S6144–45

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Adjournment: Senate met at 10:01 a.m., and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late former Senator Russell B. Long, of Louisiana, in accordance with S. Res. 142, adjourned at 7:57 p.m., until 9:15 a.m., on Wednesday, May 14, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6145.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security concluded hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Transportation Security Administration, and Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, after receiving testimony from Robert C. Bonner, Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Admiral James M. Loy, Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, and Connie L. Patrick, Director, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, all of the Department of Homeland Security.

APPROPRIATIONS: AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies concluded hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers after-school program of the Department of Education, focusing on the benefits to students in providing effective academic and recreational opportunities and safe havens for youth, after receiving testimony from William D. Hansen, Deputy Secretary of Education; Mayor John DeStefano, Jr., New Haven, Connecticut; Harvey Sprafka, Knoxville Police Department, Knoxville, Iowa, on behalf of Fight Crime: Invest In Kids; Arnold Schwarzenegger, National Inner-City Games Foundation, Santa Monica, California; Steven Kinlock, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Madison White, Massillon, Ohio.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the nominations of Steven B. Nesmith, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, who was introduced by Senators Specter and Santorum, Jose Teran, of Florida, James Broadus, of Texas, Lane Carson, of Louisiana, Morgan Edwards, of North Carolina, and Paul Pate, of Iowa, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences, Nicholas Gregory Mankiw, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

MEDIA OWNERSHIP

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee held hearings to examine media owner-

ship, focusing on localism, diversity, and competition in broadcast television, and the Federal Communication Commission's ban on newspaper/broadcast cross-ownership, receiving testimony from Mel Karmazin, Viacom Incorporated, New York, New York; James F. Goodmon, Capitol Broadcasting Company, Incorporated, Raleigh, North Carolina; Frank A. Blethen, Seattle Times, Seattle, Washington; and William Dean Singleton, MediaNews Group, Denver, Colorado.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

HISTORIC SITES/NATIONAL PARKS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded hearings to examine S. 500, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study certain sites in the historic district of Beaufort, South Carolina, relating to the Reconstruction Era, S. 601, and H.R. 733 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the McLoughlin House National Historic Site in Oregon City, Oregon, for inclusion in the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, S. 612 and H.R. 788, to revise the boundary of the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area in the States of Utah and Arizona, S. 452, to require that the Secretary of the Interior conduct a study to identify sites and resources, to recommend alternatives for commemorating and interpreting the Cold War, and S. 630 and H.R. 519, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the San Gabriel River Watershed, after receiving testimony from Senators Boxer and Bennett; Representative Solis; and Sue Masica, Associate Director for Park Planning, Facilities and Lands, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill (S. 1054) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2004.

FREE TRADE OF THE AMERICAS

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on International Trade concluded hearings to examine the status of the Free Trade Area of the Americas (a proposal to improve the quality of life for the residents of participating nations), focusing on negotiations and preparations for the Miami Ministerial, after receiving testimony from Peter F. Allgeier, Deputy United States Trade Representative; Loren Yager, Director, International Affairs and Trade, General Accounting Office; James Fendell, Aerocasillas—Aeropost, Miami, Florida, on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States of America, and the Association of American Chambers of Commerce in